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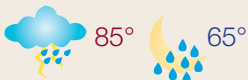
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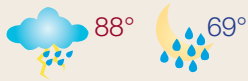
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Seating issues upset

Event staff and police enforce seating rules in student section at Saturday's game, leaving students frustrated.



Kenny Dorian
Fourth-year public relations student

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In-depth Florida Atlantic recap

Check out The Daily Gamecock's "Stud's and Dud's" from Saturday's game along with other news and notes.

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Teams of four competed in the Mud Run, and completed tasks such as carrying a teammate.

A good day for mud

Sixteenth annual Mud Run challenges teams, raises money

Derek Legette
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Marine Corps Ultimate Challenge Mud Run attracted 7,200 people from all over the country to give the challenge their best shot on Saturday at the McGrady Training Center.

Participants, who came from 22 states, entered in the competition in teams of four and were thrilled to participate.

"It's a great experience for anybody," said Laura Beth Jones, a second-year runner. "It's scary and exhilarating, but still it's the most fun I've had all year. The obstacles are psychologically and emotionally challenging, while being unexpected and frightening," she said.

Jones, 32, is a personal trainer from Sumter. Her team consisted of mothers who wanted to stay in

shape. Jones thinks that the Mud Run makes great memories, but one must have the courage to do it and get over their fears.

"It really brings out the inner soldier that everyone has in them," she said.

The Mud Run challenge started 16 years ago, and has become very popular and profitable throughout the years.

Tom Yeoman, a retired Lt. Colonel, said the Mud Run started out with three parts: hills, a one-mile run and the obstacle course. Yeoman, 58, said this is his fourth or fifth Mud Run.

"We knew it was going to grow," Yeoman said.

The present challenge is made up of almost 30 courses, involving a 4.2 mile route, many hills with steep inclines and, obviously, swimming through mud. There is also a mini Mud Run for kids ages 5 to 12 called the Pollywog, which had 1,000 attendants.

People ages 14 to 67 were covered in mud for the event, which also

serves as a fundraiser for the Greater Marine Columbia Foundation. The foundation offers scholarships to Marine families. Registration is \$30-40 per person, depending on when you sign up. It is estimated that three teams sign up every minute, which is basically \$400 per minute earned.

Blanchard volunteer Alison Hawsey hopes that \$80,000 will be generated from the revenue.

Numerous people have become very interested in the program, Hawsey said. "I just like to support making a difference for those who make a difference for us."

The Learning Channel was out filming the activities and had their own team participating. Vitamin Water, Subway and Piggly Wiggly were also there to support the cause, along with 24 other sponsors.

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Wall-sitting at the USC Octathalon



Chad Simmons / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Some of Columbia's fittest students ran, swam, lifted and stretched their way in hopes of victory Sunday at the annual USC Octathalon.

The Octathalon was sponsored by the Body Building and Fitness club. This year's winners were Joe Cahill, a third-year mechanical engineering student and Teresa Moore, the undergraduate director of the Department of Exercise Science. Cahill and Moore competed in the men's and women's classes, respectively. Octathletes started with a 1-mile run around the Blatt PE center's soccer field. They then competed in an obstacle course, did a series of flexibility exercises, and tested their strength in pull-ups, wall sits, leg presses and shoulder presses. They then raced 400 meters in the PE center pool. Points were awarded based upon time or repetitions, depending upon the event. All participants were awarded a USC Octathalon T-shirt.

H1N1 cases expected to increase this fall

Students, faculty take precautions in avoiding spread of swine flu

Hunter Hardinge
STAFF WRITER

The Student Health Center has confirmed 66 cases of the H1N1 virus and expects cases to increase, especially during football season.

"With large groups of people around each other it will increase. However, it is important to not overreact and to stay as healthy as possible," said Dr. Debbie Beck, director of the Thomson Student Health Center.

In order to avoid the spread of the H1N1 and the regular flu, the Health Center has installed hand sanitizer machines in high traffic buildings.

"We have installed hand sanitizers in as many buildings as possible. Here in the Health center we have 40 machines alone. However, you still need to wash hands with soap and water," Beck said.

With flu season underway, USC students and faculty are taking advantage of the flu clinics. With 3,000 regular flu shots already given out, it seems no one wants to risk the chance of catching the dreaded virus.

"We are very proud that students and faculty are taking advantage of the flu clinics," Beck said. "As long as we have enough of the vaccine we will continue to have flu clinics."

The Health Center will host another flu clinic outside of the Strom Wellness and Fitness Center on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 3 to 7 p.m.

"Students can work out as well as receive the vaccine for the regular flu," Beck said.

For more information about the regular flu or H1N1 virus, visit the Thomson Health Center Web site at http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/H1N1_flu.shtml.

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It's Saturday night, if police show up what punishment can you expect?

Hunter Hardinge
STAFF WRITER

It's late Saturday night after a home football game, and you are at a party at your best friend's apartment. Suddenly the police show up. Will you get arrested for drinking underage?

"I think you wouldn't get arrested with handcuffs, but you would get a citation probably. I think a citation shows up the same as an arrest in the computer," Sam Yager, a second-year broadcast journalism student said.

While some believe that you will be given a citation, others believe it all depends on the situation.

"I believe it all comes down to who the police officer is and how many people are at the party," Jamie Hicks, a second-year broadcast journalism student said. "You have the possibility of being arrested or a citation, but it all depends on the circumstances."

Annelise Wilhite, a third-year biology student, also believes that it all depends on the circumstances.

"Police work is subjective and that is what my information for being a Peer Leader in University 101 says," Wilhite said. "It's up to

the police officer. If the officer wants to arrest you, and you are underage, they can."

According to South Carolina law and the University of South Carolina, possession or consumption of alcohol for persons under the age of 21 is prohibited. If you purchase or are in the possession of beer or wine and you are under 21, you can receive a fine ranging from \$25 to \$100. There is also a chance that your license will be suspended for 90 days for the first offense and six months for your second offense.

If you are caught purchasing or in the possession of liquor, you can receive a fine ranging from \$100 to \$200 or 30 days of imprisonment. For the first offense, your license can be suspended for 90 days and for your second offense, your license can be suspended for 6 months.

In addition, if you give beer, wine or liquor to anyone who is under 21 except your child or spouse in your own home, there is a fine of \$200 or imprisonment for 30 days. The suspension of license is the same as well.

It's late Friday night after a home football game, and you are drinking underage at your best friend's apartment. Suddenly the police show up ... you better put on your best behavior.

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When: 10:30 a.m.
Where: Greene Street

What: Delta Sigma
Theta Cups for Cures
When: 11 a.m.
Where: Russell House
Lobby

What: Kappa Idol
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Health Sci-
ence, Room 114

What: Mountaineering
and Whitewater Club
meetings
When: 7 p.m.
Where: BA, Room 002

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Alpha Rush
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Gambrell 153

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Engineering Society
meeting
When: 7 p.m.
Where: 300 Main
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When: 8 p.m.
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SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
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LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL
Hurricane Hugo remembered

Twenty years after Hurricane Hugo pounded the South Carolina coast with 135 mph winds, driving inland and sweeping into North Carolina, memories from the storm are still vivid:
At Lincoln High School in McClellanville, residents seeking shelter in the school gym climbed onto the stage, holding children above their heads to save them from the storm surge;
Near the Isle of Palms, boats were tossed into a pile like toys and only concrete pilings were left where oceanfront homes once stood.
In Charlotte, N.C., 170 miles inland, trees snapped and power lines fell, leaving the area in the dark for days.
The day after Hugo, which smashed ashore 20 years ago today, residents awoke to the surreal scene of helicopters flying overhead and National Guardsmen patrolling Charleston's historic district with its smashed store windows and tangle of downed utility lines.

NATIONAL
Army provides scholarships

NORTHFIELD, Vt. — Burgeoning ranks of Army ROTC students are filling college classrooms around the nation this fall, as the Army seeks to beef up its officer corps with its generous scholarship program that pays the college tuition of students who are commissioned as 2nd lieutenants when they graduate.
At the hillside campus of Norwich University, the nation's oldest private military college, more than three times as many Army ROTC students are enrolled this year over last. Most of the nation's 273 colleges and universities with ROTC programs report similar increases as the Army grows its officer corps.
"The Army is a growth industry," said Col. Stephen Carney, head of the ROTC detachment at Norwich. "You would think OK, it's enlisted soldiers and (noncommissioned officers) that really make the Army run, but we need officers, too."

INTERNATIONAL
Tough task ahead for Obama

JERUSALEM — Barack Obama will try to get Mideast peacemaking back on track this week in a meeting with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders, hoping the weight of the U.S. presidency can resolve a showdown over Israeli settlement construction and get the sides talking again after months of deadlock.
For Obama, it's high-stakes diplomacy that relies on resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as key to cracking other world problems. He'll be bringing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas together in New York on Tuesday for their first encounter since Netanyahu took office in March.
Obama faces a tough task. The Israelis and Palestinians have dug in deep to positions that have eluded compromise, despite multiple visits by Washington's special U.S. envoy. Deep divisions among the Palestinians further complicate the process.

PIC OF THE DAY



Becky Conrad / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students take advantage of warm weather by enjoying a game of sand volleyball outside of the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1779:

On this day in 1779, the Louisiana governor and Spanish military officer Bernardo de Galvez, with the aide of American troops and militia volunteers, captures the British post and garrison at Baton Rouge, located in what was then British-controlled West Florida.

1780:

On this day in 1780, during the American Revolution, American General Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John Andre to discuss handing over West Point to the British, in return for the promise of a large sum of money and a high position in the British army.

1792:

In Revolutionary France, the Legislative Assembly votes to abolish the monarchy and establish the First Republic. The measure came one year after King Louis XVI reluctantly approved a new constitution that stripped him of much of his power.

1938:

Without warning, a powerful Category 3 hurricane slams into Long Island and southern New England, causing 600 deaths and devastating coastal cities and towns. Also called the Long Island Express, the Great New England Hurricane of 1938 was the most destructive storm to strike the region in the 20th century.

1917:

On this day in 1917, Austria-Hungary and Germany make separate replies to the proposal issued by Pope Benedict XV at the beginning of the previous month calling for an immediate armistice between the Allied and Central Powers in World War I.

1942:

On this day in 1942, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress makes its debut flight in Seattle, Washington. It was the largest bomber used in the war by any nation.

1949:

At the opening of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Peking, Mao Zedong announces that the new Chinese government will be "under the leadership of the Communist Party of China."

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Students should be given choice of seats

Entire sections in the upper deck sat empty during Saturday’s game against Florida Atlantic. Game attendance was its lowest since 2006, and it’s hard to believe even 65,000 were even in attendance.

But, instead of worrying about sagging game attendance, USC officials felt the need to man each student gate with dozens of event staff. Instead of worrying about game security, these guards screamed, yelled and occasionally pushed students who simply wanted to sit with friends.

If you walked to the bathroom, you had better come back through your correct gate, and you had to be ready to show multiple staff members your ticket.

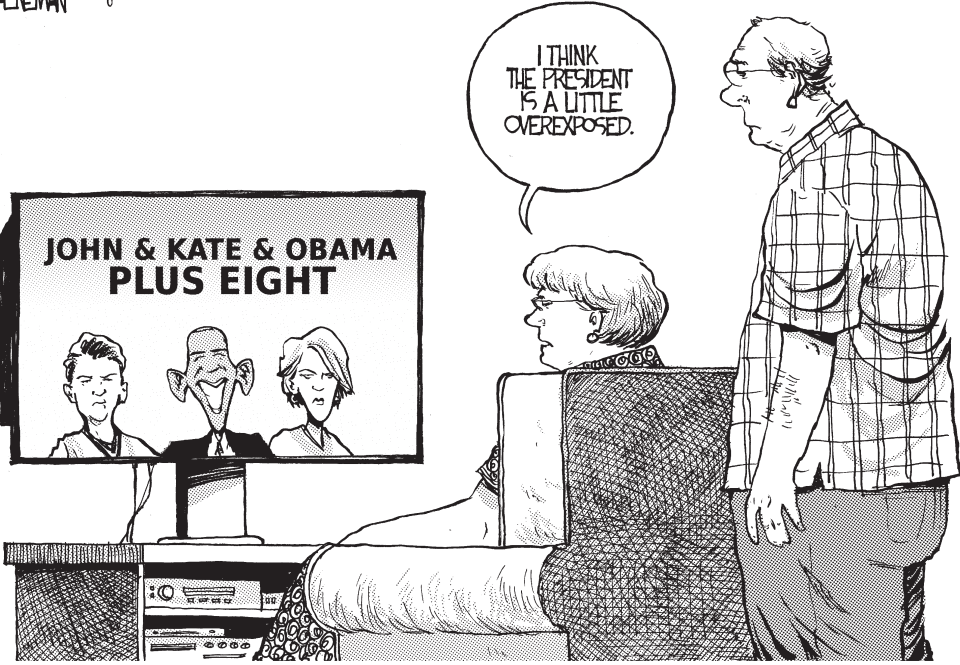
We students don’t understand. Why does it matter if three friends sit together in section 28, when one’s ticket says section 33? Should we really leave a drunk freshman girl by herself when her friends are sitting four sections over?

Making students sit in an assigned section ruined the game for many, and it left many arguing with security guards. The policy of making students sit in assigned sections has never before been enforced. Therefore, students who were smart enough to arrive early got the best seats.

Let’s face the facts: Football games at USC are social occasions for many, and they’re not much fun by yourself.

We want answers. If there are reasons this policy is being enforced, we’ll shut up. But, if there aren’t reasons, let’s worry instead about filling up the rest of the stadium and let friends sit with each other and enjoy the game.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New seating policy ridiculous

If you were at the game yesterday, you may have noticed the chaos caused by police officers and event staff prohibiting students from sitting in any section other than the one labeled on their tickets. I’m sure you are also well aware that prior to this game, there was never any strict enforcement of seat assignments. After all, students want to sit with their friends, not alone, and odds are that your friends will not likely be assigned tickets in the same section. I am writing this letter to you in hopes that the University will become aware of this issue and resolve it before the Ole Miss game this Thursday night. Many unnecessary confrontations occurred because of the confusion. For example, I entered the stadium 90 minutes before kickoff and witnessed several students who were unaware of these new “changes.” These students were attempting to walk across sections to meet friends, only to be swiftly grabbed by a police officer and dragged down the stairs. They were then escorted into the concourses where I can only guess what happened next. I researched this matter by examining the Student Ticket Distribution Policies on ticketreturn.com and uncovered only one rule regarding seating assignments:
4.5.1.2 Students with tickets located in the upper deck sections must sit in their assigned row/section.
There was no mention in reference to the lower deck sections, where the vast majority of students actually sit. Actions should be taken so that the gameday experience for students will no longer be compromised by

police officers and event staff.
Ryan Studemeyer
Third-year political science student

Guards rude in enforcing strict seating

I hope that The Daily Gamecock and other departments in the University are aware of the absurdity of the event staff at Williams-Brice Stadium towards students and their desire to cheer for team. As much as we pay for activities and tuition in general, it is ridiculous to be told who we have to sit with and where. We also shouldn’t be treated like a mass of unintelligent drunks. After once being told I was walking through the wrong section gate into the stands, I walked barely 30 feet before being hounded again by more officers. I then politely asked the supervisor in blue why must I walk down to another gate when I should simply be able to walk through the student section with my fellow Gamecock fans. He immediately started telling me off like I was belligerently drunk and had no sense. I calmly went up to my seat and tried to get geared up again before my Gamecocks took the field. All this, while watching student after student get kicked out of the stadium for getting mad at cops for not letting them sit with friends in the student section. This is just the beginning of problems that need to be fixed — don’t get me started on the never ending errors of ticket return — especially considering the amount of money I pay for all these “services.”
Andrew MacMillan
Second-year civil engineering student

Policy change ruins gameday experience, fun

Event staff stops students from sitting with friends

It was the day of the Florida Atlantic game. I walked into Williams-Brice Stadium a little more than an hour before kick-off, and my friends had saved seats on the 30-yard line. I went through the student gate to meet up with them, and the stadium attendant told me my ticket was for a section in the north stands. This especially well-informed individual looked at my ticket and saw “GA Seating” — which means “General Admission Seating” — and told me, “Oh, you’re in Georgia seating.”

So after this run-in, I went through the north gate and managed to get over to my friends. After a little while, I left to go to the bathroom, and when I tried to go back to the 30-yard line a security guard stopped me.

I tried to tell him that I had already sat down in that section and my friends were over there. He let me go but told me to sit in the section on my ticket next time.

After that, whenever one of us had to go to the bathroom or to a concession stand, we had to take a ticket

with the right section number on it so that a guard would let us back into our section. While entering the gate I saw students freaking out and arguing with security guards. These guards apologized but refused to allow them admission. I also heard stories about people getting separated from their friends and not being able to meet up again.

Why did these guards have to over-complicate this whole process? I understand that in the rest of the stadium, what your ticket says is where you should sit. But the student section has always been general admission.

Now, if the Williams-Brice staff can’t get it together for a non-conference game that doesn’t even fill up the stadium, what are they going to when people pack the place on Thursday for our game against Ole Miss?

Technically, the people at the stadium can make us sit wherever our ticket says, but the only problem is that we have no say in what section is printed on our tickets. If friends want to sit together but their tickets are for different sections, they can’t. So either let us pick our tickets or let us sit wherever we want within the student section.

I understand that adding student sections in the upper deck has complicated the situation a bit, but the upper deck should also be general admission or it should be where the late-arriving students should go. The people in charge should stop over-complicating the seating process, and make sure that the “GA” on our ticket means something other than a state nicknamed after a fuzzy fruit.



Kenny Dorian
Fourth-year public relations student

Obama has ignored ‘new’ minorities

Homosexuals, environmentalists, atheists all command great influence; president should heed their requests

President Obama’s election marked a significant change in America’s political stage. More than his charisma and his skillful use of media, he was best at gaining the support of the diverse groups that cling to the Democratic Party: homosexuals, environmentalists and America’s nonreligious. To each of them he promised to fulfill their goals, and naively they followed him, singing his praises up the White House steps.

Sadly, the parade ended and the dream stagnated. No politician ever really delivers on everything he or she sells during a campaign.

But Obama can’t shrug it off like all his compadres, lounging away in D.C.

The reason: these three groups represent America’s “new minorities,” and they may have more sway than some are willing to admit.

Though he bolstered confidence with his inaugural speech, he seems unable to affect any of the social change the nonreligious are looking for — a group that now claims 16 percent of the American people.

Homosexuals are in the same boat and the most furious, rallying against the continued existence of the Defense of Marriage Act after Obama’s emphatic claim to scrap it.

Without this demand met, the gay community is steadily distancing itself from its one-time champion.

Environmentalism seems like such a strong force today. But, politically speaking, the Green movement is still in its infant stages. The new cap-and-trade system is pretty on paper, but environmentalists will soon be looking for more — much more.

All the examples aside, we’re dealing with several minority groups and their

disappointment with a candidate — a disappointment that may reach the Democratic Party in general.

After all, America’s two great parties have become so polarized they have forgotten the most important facet of our politics: compromise. And compromise is something every minority has known, because it’s often been the only way they could gain any support from the majority.

What’s at stake for Obama is whether or not these different minorities can realize each other, compromise with each other and create a political base that is concerned with their social issues without the deadlock that the Democrats are experiencing.

Forming something like this — a multiple-minority party — could really put pressure on Washington. But, for now, these groups continue to grumble, unaware of the power they hold. For Obama’s sake, he better hope they never find out.



Michael Lambert
First-year comparative literature student

IT’S YOUR RIGHT

The goal of The Daily Gamecock’s Viewpoints page is to stimulate discussion in the University of South Carolina community. All published authors are expected to provide logical arguments to back their views.

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The September 18 article, “Season ticket sales slump in recession,” was written by Chelsey Seidel, not Chelsea Smith. The Daily Gamecock regrets this error.

‘King and I’ colorful, modern

Musical retains crowd-pleasing sequences, large cast shines in elaborate dances, costumes

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Audiences are taken halfway across the globe and almost a century and a half back in time in Town Theatre’s ninety-first season opener, “The King and I.”

This Rodgers and Hammerstein musical stars a British schoolteacher, Anna Leonowens (Allison Manley), who is hired by the King of Siam (Rob Sprankle) to teach his children and wives about Western culture. Manley portrays her character as compassionate toward her pupils, but remains strong-willed against some of the King’s broken promises and his very traditional mindset, while Sprankle’s facial expressions clearly display the many emotions of the King.

While Anna is the focus of the King and his family’s attention, in the background a young girl from Burma named Tuptim (Shelby Sessler) falls in love with Lun Tha (Matthew Phenix). Sessler and Phenix have nice chemistry in their duets.

These four characters are just a part of the cast of more than 60 adults and children, who are double casted into two groups that perform on different nights. The play’s director, Jamie Carr Harrington, said she’s had a lot of fun directing the large cast.

“It’s crazy at times,” Harrington said. “But everybody just seems to go where they need to.”

At a few points in the musical, virtually the entire cast, including the King, his court, his wives and his children,

is on stage. The set on which the cast acts, sings and dances was designed by the director’s husband, Danny Harrington, and through careful calculations makes the audience feel as if it is inside the King’s court.

The ambiance of the palace and gardens are brought out in the costumes, which are vividly colorful and contain British and Thai influences. Some of the funniest parts of the musical are the wives’ reactions to the large hoop skirts worn by the British women.

Easily the best part of this production is the 10 minute-long dance, the Small House of Uncle Thomas, based loosely on “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.” The skilled dancing of the children shines in this ballet, which is complemented by the music and the chorus of wives.

The rest of the performance, while not as memorable as the Small House of Uncle Thomas, is enjoyable, and the actors sing classics like “Getting to Know You” with skill. The only drawback is that a few of the accents are a bit off, and distract from the authenticity of the setting.

The aspects of the 1956 movie version that people often remember — the King saying “et cetera, et cetera” and the King making sure Anna’s head is never higher than his own — appear in this production. The director said she wanted to keep what people love about the movie and to leave out some of the elements that might be considered offensive today.

For anyone who enjoys traditional musicals, “The King and I” is worth watching. The show runs Wednesdays through Sundays until Oct. 10, and student tickets are \$15. For more information, call (803) 799-2510.

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Courtesy of the Town Theatre

Allison Manley and Rob Sprankle star as Anna and the King in the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “The King and I” at Town Theatre, which is showing until October 10.

trivia 2 TIMES

In honor of the many television premieres that are airing this week on the main television networks, this week’s edition of Trivia Times 2 takes a closer look at TV. As one of America’s favorite pastimes, many people take the medium for granted. Though it didn’t take many correct answers for Joe Ludovici to win last week, we’re going to put his knowledge to the test again to see if he can retain his title.

1. Who invented the television?
2. What does NBC stand for?
3. Which celebrity appearance pushed a 1964 episode of The Ed Sullivan show to the most watched television episode ever in the U.S. with 73.3 million viewers?
4. What was the most watched series finale of all time?
5. Which infamous television and movie producer is responsible for popular shows including CSI and its spin-offs, Cold Case and Without A Trace?
6. Who is the host of Survivor, which has been running for 19 seasons?
7. Which network television station now markets it’s unique brand of reality television as “Celebrealty?”
8. In what year did HBO become the first TV network to continuously deliver signals via satellite?
9. How much was CBS fined by the FCC in 2004 for Janet Jackson’s “wardrobe malfunction” during the half time show of Super Bowl XXXVIII?
10. When was the official U.S. digital television switchover, which made analog television broadcasting and “rabbit ears” antennae obsolete?

With four correct answers over Wendy’s three, Joe managed to retain the Trivia Times 2 crown. Tune in next week to see if it’s luck or pure random knowledge genius.

— Compiled by Ellen Meder, Assistant Mix Editor

Answers: 1. Philo Farnsworth 2. National Broadcasting Company 3. The Beatles 4. M*A*S*H 5. Jerry Bruckheimer 6. Jeff Probst 7. VH1 8. 1975 9. \$550,000 10. June 12, 2009



Joe Ludovici
First-year sports marketing student

1. Thomas Edison
2. National Broadcasting Company
3. Elvis
4. Seinfeld
5. Jerry Bruckheimer
6. Jeff Probst
7. VH1
8. 1979
9. \$200,000
10. 2000 maybe?



Wendy Enis
First-year mechanical engineering student

1. ?
2. National Broadcasting Company?
3. John F. Kennedy
4. Friends
5. Dick Wolfe
6. ?
7. VH1
8. 1996
9. \$1,000,000
10. June 12, 2009

Poetry an ‘art of risk-taking’

Summit attracts both well-known, emerging writers

Sierra Kelly
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The sixth annual Poet’s Summit, held Saturday at the Columbia Museum of Art, rendered audiences inspired by the captivating poetry and the creative open-mic performances.

The event brought poets and the community together for an unforgettable day of literature.

Charlene Spearen, the associate director of SC Poetry Initiative, said Poet’s Summit was a visionary idea from Kwame Dawes, who first shared his idea with her when she was in graduate school.

“Kwame explained that South Carolina did not have a central core organization or any type of entity that could bring together those citizens in our state that are interested in poetry via writing poetry, via sharing news, putting into news about poetry,” Spearen said. “It was through that seed that the Poetry Initiative began.”

After word spread slowly and USC’s English department gave the initiative a small allotment, the group began talking to well-known poets to bring them to the state.

So far internationally known poets, including Li-Young Lee, Terrence Hayes, Elizabeth Alexander, Rosanna Warren and Sharon Olds, have shared their work in Columbia in addition to the poetry of young emerging writers.

“The beauty of poetry today is that in most instances it’s narrative: it’s telling stories, it’s sharing stories, it’s taking you to places that the human connection is,” Spearen said. “One of the things we look at that really defines



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Varying levels of poets, faculty and students came together to celebrate their art at the Poet’s Summit on Saturday.

the Initiative is bringing in as many voices as we possibly can. The stories will resonate on a personal level and human level.”

Spearen said she doesn’t know what the next ten years will bring, and that the Initiative’s hope is being challenged.

“It’s the young poets that sit down and begin to work out conflict and the moments that perplex them by the writing of the word and the sharing of that word,” Spearen said. “We have in our state a spoken word or page poet. They may use language in different ways, but it’s language, it’s words, using words in a way that creates art.”

Spearen said the event had over 100 people in attendance for the sharing of words, thoughts and images.

“The idea of risk which is the focus of this summit is part of the world we’re living in today,” Spearen said. “I think that our young people are being challenged in that perspective. I think that is what poetry helps us do.”

Bhavin Taylor, a poet and teacher said “We’re here for the Poet’s Summit today and we’ve got Sharon Olds, who is a phenomenal poet, she’s won so many different awards around the country and over the world and DeLana Dameron, winner

of 2008 Poetry Initiative Book Award. The event today is about the art of risk, risk-taking and writing,”

Taylor said he has been writing poetry for nine years, an essential act for him. He teaches many poetry workshops and stresses to his students that their words have weight.

Sierra Young, a Poet’s Summit attendee, said she attended the event because she has aspirations to be a screen writer and finds poetry and its writers inspiring.

“I’ve only done a couple of half-written manuscripts, which is really not a whole lot. I wanted to get an idea of how the form of writing takes place, how the thought process is done. The speakers spoke about how their thought processes.” Young said.

Worthy Evans, 2009 Poetry Book contest winner, described what writing and poetry mean to him.

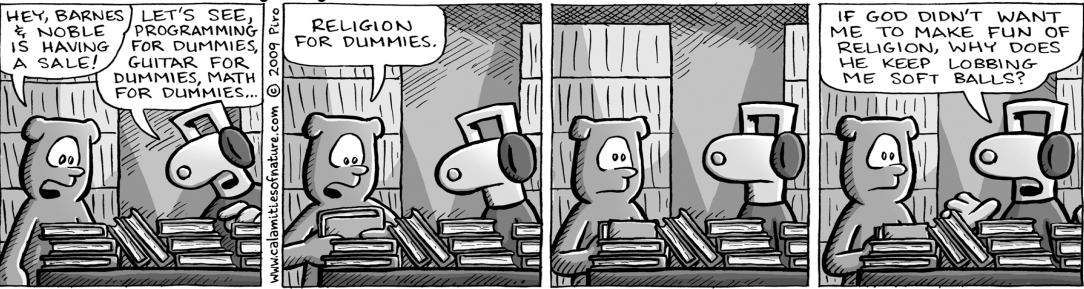
“I’m relatively new to poetry,” Evans said. “I’m not a stranger to writing, but it’s the community and getting people into a room that I’m interested in and I like this. It takes a lot to break through the mundane. You all the sudden find something of value in it and you can write it.”

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TAURUS You're strong now, so go ahead and start something you've been planning. You have support from loved ones.

GEMINI At work you sometimes feel like you're stuck and can't make desired changes. Just keep doing the job; it gets easier.

CANCER You can rest easy knowing you're loved. Make sure others know you love them, too. Plan a luxurious evening at home.

LEO There's something a roommate wants you to do. He or she has been dropping hints. You'd better figure it out soon.

VIRGO You're unaware of how efficient you seem to those around you. Accept the applause that you've earned.

LIBRA Balance goes out the window. Desire walks in through the door. Grab each opportunity and make it your own.

SCORPIO You really want to party. You buy the food and decorations, and someone else supplies the romance.

SAGITTARIUS Keep your romance behind closed doors. Other people don't need to know the details, do they?

CAPRICORN You're moving out of your element now. But you're in familiar territory, so grab your partner and dance.

AQUARIUS Nurture your own emotions now. Tell others what you want and need, but be prepared to accept what they give you.

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Crossword

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 - 19 Some MIT grads
 - 20 Extreme degrees
 - 21 LPGA teen phenom Michelle
 - 22 Tibet's capital
 - 24 "___ you ready for this?"
 - 25 Its seat is Jackson, Wyoming
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 - 29 Proofs of age, briefly
 - 30 Ones making money
 - 31 Pointy-eared "Star Trek" guy
 - 33 Cookie holder
 - 34 Small jazz combo
 - 35 It shows a book's name, author, publisher, etc.
 - 39 Parts of the Rockies: Abbr.
 - 42 Boiling
 - 43 Kitchen allure
 - 47 Norse mariner Leif
 - 49 AT&T competitor
 - 51 King, in France
 - 52 Photographic memory
 - 54 Prickly chestnut case
 - 55 Blackmore's "___ Doone"
 - 56 Paul Bunyan's tool
 - 57 Piece of sausage
 - 58 Stock mkt. debut
 - 59 Multi-flavored ice cream
 - 63 Fire, to the French
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 - 9 Kiev is its cap.
 - 10 "Fire and Rain" singer/songwriter James
 - 11 Vacuum ___
 - 12 Orchestra conductors, formally
 - 13 "Sounds about right to me"
 - 18 Dumbfounded
 - 23 Big game tracker
 - 25 ___ torch: patio light
 - 26 Twice-monthly tide
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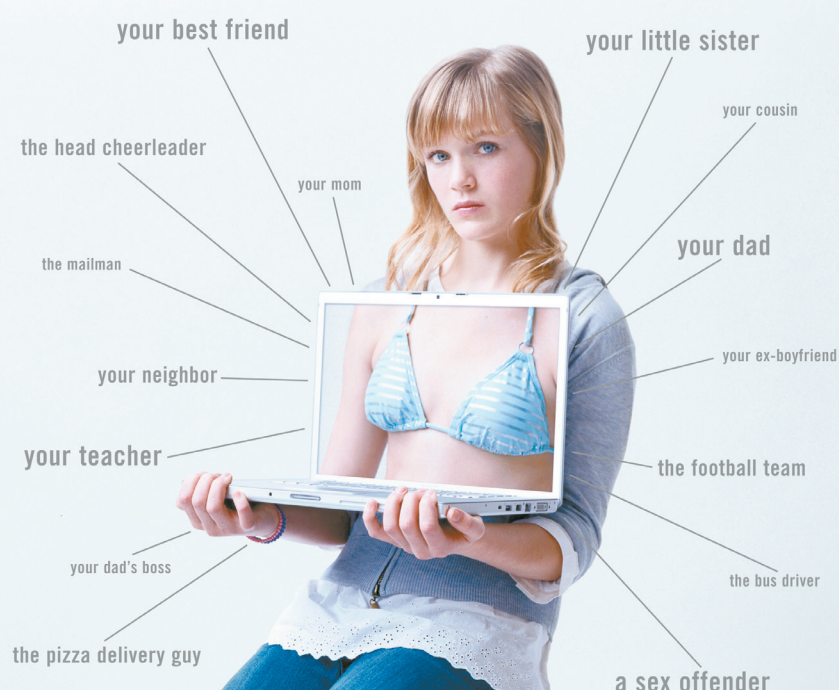
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YOUNG GUNS

Freshmen players lead offensive charge for Carolina's victory in 2009 home opener Saturday night

James Kratch
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

If its first home game is any indicator, the USC freshmen class this year may be one to remember.

Behind 100-yard rushing and passing performances from Jarvis Giles and Tori Gurley respectively, and two takeaways by cornerback Stephon Gilmore, Carolina recovered from a sluggish first half by pulling away late for a 38-16 triumph over Florida Atlantic.

A week after throwing the ball 50 times, coach Steve Spurrier leaned on his running attack, and it paid off, as the unit ran for 287 yards, led by Giles' 113.

"I think it's the most rushing yards since I've been here," Spurrier said. "We felt like we wanted to give the running game a good opportunity."

The ground attack made its presence felt from start to finish. Starting with a 50-yard end-around by receiver Moe Brown, the Gamecocks marched down the field with ease on the game's first drive, a Brian Maddox three-yard run giving USC the early lead, which grew to 10-0 on Spencer Lanning's 41-yard field goal minutes later.

After the Owls managed a field goal, the lead would grow to 17-3, as quarterback Stephen Garcia scrambled for a 15-yard touchdown run.

FAU didn't back down though, responding on their next drive with a 23-yard touchdown pass from Rusty Smith to Chris Bonner to pull the game back to within a score, 17-10.

Minutes later, Smith threw his second

touchdown pass of the night after a late hit by Gilmore to bring FAU within a point, 17-16, with seconds to go in the first half.

The score stayed there though, as a missed extra point went the Gamecocks' way this week. Gonnall's kick hit the upright, keeping USC in the lead headed into the locker room.

That, it turned out, was as close as Florida Atlantic would get, as two defensive takeaways would spark 21 unanswered Carolina third-quarter points to seal the game.

"It was a good second half for our team," Spurrier said. "The defensive guys responded well."

Gilmore would atone for his penalty on the first play of the third quarter, snagging a Smith pass for his first career interception.

"It felt good," Gilmore said. "I saw [Smith] sprint out and look downfield. I just tried to stay in one spot and make a play on the ball."

Three plays later Carolina was back in the endzone, Maddox's second rushing score of the night bumping the Carolina lead back up to eight, 24-16. His third score, a 6-yard reception set up by a 44-yard reception by Gurley, restored the Carolina lead to double-digits, 31-16.

"We're getting closer to where Coach Spurrier wants to be," Maddox said. "We just have to keep working hard."

Giles capped off the scoring for the night with just over four minutes left in the period, breaking a 12-yard sweep for his first career touchdown, and first career celebration.

"I went crazy out there, right in front of the students' section," Giles said. "Everyone was acting crazy, screaming, so I was having me a good time."

Giles' score completed a four play, 34-yard drive catalyzed by Cliff Matthews' recovery of a Smith fumble, which was forced by Eric Norwood's 26th career sack, tying Andrew Provence's school record.

"It's good, but it still ain't broken yet," Norwood said. "It's great to be tied for first, but I want to break it, demolish it."

With conference foe and national championship contender Ole Miss headed to Columbia this Thursday night, there was a lot of talk about Carolina football proving itself in a two-game, seven-day stretch. Many felt the process began against the Owls.

"We are showing the country that we are very explosive and we can go off at any time," Gurley said. "As long as we keep that up, we're going to be successful in the long run."

Tight contests commonplace for Gamecocks

Spurrier not upset with first half play

This wasn't anything new to Carolina fans. They had been there before.

To any lifelong Gamecock fan, Florida Atlantic's late second-quarter surge to pull within one point at the half was nothing terrifying. When it comes to playing teams they are supposed to destroy, Carolina rarely lives up to expectations.

While that used to frustrate coach Steve Spurrier, the tendency to play to the level of the opponent doesn't seem to surprise the head ball coach anymore.

"I've been concerned about that for five years," Spurrier said. "I've come to the accepted fact that right now, it's going to be a dogfight. But I was very happy that we made three touchdowns in the third quarter and got the thing in pretty good breathing room."

Things could have been much worse for the Gamecocks, though. Florida Atlantic could have tied it had its extra point before the half not been botched. It could have come down to the wire, much as it did against Wofford in 2006, when the Gamecocks escaped with a 27-20 victory.

"I always expect a dogfight," Spurrier said. "It doesn't matter who we play. If it's Wofford, Furman, South Carolina State. South Carolina State, they'll take us right down to the wire, probably. About everybody that we play does."

The Gamecocks came out guns blazing, as the Williams-Brice scoreboard lit up with the first points of the home season with just over a minute gone by in the game.

"It looked like we were going to score pretty easily as the game started out. And then, of course, it got very tight at halftime," Spurrier said. "I'll tell you what, one of the biggest plays was blocking the dang extra point."

The Owls trailed by only one at the break, which seemed to be a disappointment to Gamecock fans and players alike.

"We were talking all week how we'd like to get up on them early and keep the pedal to the medal," quarterback Stephen Garcia said. "But a few mental mistakes here and there and that's just the way it ended up happening."

But what Gamecock fans probably didn't expect was what happened in the second half. Carolina was able to run the ball down FAU's throat and put up a crooked number in the third quarter — officially putting away the pesky Owls.

It should be interesting to see if they can do that from now on. Carolina fans know all too well how the Gamecocks play to their competition. A nationally ranked opponent gets the same tough game from USC that an FCS school does.

But hopefully for Spurrier and Co., that might be changing.

"Maybe this team is different," Spurrier said. "A team that can run for over 287 yards rushing, maybe we have a chance to be a little different this year. We'll see."



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Freshmen Tori Gurley (top) and Jarvis Giles (bottom) both accounted for over 100 yards Saturday night.

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Quarter By Quarter

Four key moments that led to South Carolina's victory over Florida Atlantic Saturday

Chris Cox
SPORTS EDITOR

First



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK
Running back Brian Maddox scores from three yards out to give South Carolina the lead early into the quarter.

Second



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK
Quarterback Stephen Garcia scrambles for a 15-yard touchdown to give the Gamecocks a 14-point lead.

Third



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK
Freshman tailback Jarvis Giles records his first career touchdown, pushing Carolina's lead to 22 points at 38-16.

Fourth



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK
Maddox accounts for USC's only turnover of the night as he fumbles on fourth-and-one late in the quarter.